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Dear Sir or Madam,

While I am generally sympathetic with businesses that choose to make their own decisions in the marketplace, I am very concerned that the DOJ is setting Microsoft free to engage in new and greater abuses of its monopoly power. In particular, I see now that Microsoft's new XP operating system *forces* users to upgrade, is configured to interfere with the users' ability to upgrade their hardware components, and that these features appear to be primarily designed to wring cash out of users of the Microsoft XP products. Microsoft has said right along that it's Windows operating system should be thought of just like an automobile - their favorite comparison. But what automobile forces its users to purchase additional modifications from the manufacturer? What automobile quits working when the owner puts in new upholstery or makes other changes to the vehicle?

I urge you to reopen the Microsoft case and consider these continued and, from the looks of it, planned bigger abuses of Microsoft's monopoly power with respect to PC operating systems.

Respectfully,

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